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SUPERVISOR CLARK TO DISTRIBUTE HUNDREDS OF FREE BACKPACKS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Toni Clark and the Office Depot Foundation are pleased to announce the distribution of free backpacks containing essential school supplies as part of the Foundation's 8th Annual National Backpack Program, in partnership with the National Foundation for Women Legislators. **The backpacks will be presented to students at the "Family Day at the Park" beginning at noon on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Wahl Park (48th and Hampton) in Milwaukee. Additional backpacks will also be distributed at the 29th Street vs. Running Rebels scholarship basketball game at North Division High School, scheduled for 2 p.m. August 9, 2008.**

"This is a wonderful program started by Office Depot in 2001 to provide backpacks and school supplies to children in need," Supervisor Clark said. "I am honored to present these backpacks to students who need them most. This donation will allow students to start the school year with the resources they need to be successful in the classroom. As Wisconsin's Education Team Leader for the National Foundation for Women Legislators, I commend the Office Depot Foundation for their efforts to make the lives of children better."

By the end of this year, Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation will have given away nearly 1.8 million backpacks since the program began. For the fourth consecutive year, 300,000 backpacks are being donated across the United States and Canada.

"These basic school supplies are something many of us take for granted," Supervisor Clark added. "This is a wonderful program and I look forward to working with the Office Depot Foundation in the future on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Legislators."

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